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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist

RE: Site Inspection, Quality Building Stone, Martin Quarry, S/007/037 (Unpermitted), Carbon County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 16, 2002
Time of Inspection: about 3:00 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 80's
Participants: Doug Jensen and Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) notified the Division of this operation, and it is not permitted under the Minerals Regulatory Program.

Getting to the site:

Coming southeast out of Price Canyon on US 6, turn right at the road that leads to Utah Railway's Martin locomotive maintenance shop. (This is the road that leads to Hardscrabble Canyon which is permitted under the coal program.). After crossing the tracks, take the second left turn onto a dirt road. This road parallels the tracks for a few hundred feet then turns up the hill to the quarry site.

Observations:

The overall site is shown from different aspects in Photos 1 and 2 in the attached document.

We did not use a GPS unit to map or calculate the area of the quarry, but we estimated the disturbed area is about three acres.

The disturbance mainly consists of areas where the soil and rock were pushed aside to create pad and road areas. Some of this material was pushed into the side of a drainage (Photo 3). We assume that some rock has been removed. Some of the rock showed evidence of being cut (Photo 4). There were no active operations at the time of the inspection.

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Conclusions and Recommendations:

The operator received right of entry from the BLM for this operation but did not file a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations with the Division. Therefore, the operator should be issued a notice of noncompliance. However, for the reasons discussed below, neither mining nor reclamation operations are possible at this time.

According to Dean Nyffeler of the BLM, the operator uncovered two skeletons which have been tentatively identified as Fremont Indians. The operator has been prohibited from either quarrying or reclamation activities until issues associated with these skeletons are resolved. The BLM is in the process of contacting Indian tribes to determine what should be done with the skeletons and to decide if the site has religious significance that would preclude future operations.

Enclosure: Photographs
cc: Wes Hansen, Quality Building Stone
 Dean Nyffeler, BLM, Price
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ATTACHMENT

**Photographs
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Martin Quarry**



Photo 1. Overview of a portion of the site.



Photo 2. Overview of a portion of the site.



Photo 3. Material pushed into the side of an adjacent drainage.



Photo 4.